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H. RES. 1037

Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, and for the support of the designation of a National Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2008

Mr. KAGEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, and for the support of the designation of a National Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Month.

Whereas Hidradenitis Suppurativa is a common skin disease affecting at least 1 percent of the general population, and data suggests that the number of individuals afflicted may be underreported;

Whereas Hidradenitis Suppurativa affects both males and females of every race and nationality, usually beginning in the second or third decade of life and often persisting into old age;

Whereas Hidradenitis Suppurativa is considered one of the most difficult and chronic diseases of dermatology, caus-

ing significant pain, disfigurement, anxiety, depression, temporary or permanent disability, and a severe reduction in quality of life, even for those with mild forms of the disease;

Whereas the time from disease onset to diagnosis is often measured in years or decades, greatly increasing the morbidity and complications of long-standing Hidradenitis Suppurativa;

Whereas there is currently no medical consensus on the definition of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, no standard method of diagnosis, nor any consistently effective treatment;

Whereas there is an urgent need to conduct systematic, large-scale research studies to discover the cause(s) of Hidradenitis Suppurativa and develop rational, evidence-based treatments;

Whereas because those afflicted with Hidradenitis Suppurativa see many different medical specialists, there is a critical need to educate all medical professionals in all fields about this disease;

Whereas because receiving early and appropriate medical intervention may decrease the morbidity of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, there is an essential need to increase awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa among the general public;

Whereas Mayor John Street of Philadelphia proclaimed June 2007 as Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Month; and

Whereas the month of June would be appropriate to designate as National Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-
2 representatives—

3 (1) supports the designation of a National
4 Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Month, to raise
5 awareness regarding Hidradenitis Suppurativa; and

6 (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-
7 tion designating such a month, and calling on the
8 medical community and other interested groups to
9 engage in educational activities and promote the
10 need for further Hidradenitis Suppurativa research.

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